

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

The online Graduate Certificate in Public Management will provide current and future public leaders with the foundations of the core components of managing public organizations. To effectively lead and manage organizations, leaders must understand historical and current theories, concepts, approaches, and practices in public administration. Public servants are asked to achieve results in the management of public organizations and understanding these theories can help in the pursuit of successful organizational outcomes. Through these courses, students will be exposed to best practices and tools to support management, leadership, organizational culture, budgeting, social equity, effectiveness, and efficiency in government organizations.

Individuals with a four-year undergraduate degree from a recognized institution are eligible for admission. [Students interested in graduate work should refer to the](http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/) Graduate and Professional Bulletin (<http://catalog.colostate.edu/general-catalog/graduate-bulletin/>).

## Learning Objectives

Upon successful completion, students will be able to:

1. Propose and explain ways for public organizations to become more responsive, equitable, efficient, and effective
2. Integrate and link theory and practice.
3. Develop practical self-knowledge and skills needed in the public sector.
4. Practice skills related to leadership, budget management, managing people, and supporting diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice.

## Requirements Effective Fall 2025

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses:		
PPA 552	Public Budgeting and Finance	3
PPA 553	Public Organizational Management and Behavior	3
PPA 575	Public Service Administration	3
Select 3 credits from the following:		3
PPA 551	Public Human Resources Management	
PPA 561	State and Local Government Finance	
PPA 576	Social Equity in Public Service	
PPA 577	Intersectional Advocacy and Public Policy	
PPA 578	Health and Justice	
<b>Program Total Credits:</b>		<b>12</b>

\*This certificate may have courses in common with other graduate certificates. A student may earn more than one certificate, but a given course may be counted only in one certificate.